

Channel Soundings

Term 1 - 27 February 2019

From the Principal

What stories do.

Children look to us for everything and the most important thing we can give them is hope. However, we often look at what they should do but don't, who they should be but aren't. We tell them to try harder, be good or do better next time. Trying to live up to certain moral codes can only leave us all in despair. We can't achieve perfection on our own, we need a rescuer.

So how do we give children hope?

Sally Lloyd-Jones, author of "The Jesus Storybook Bible" says that we give hope when we tell children what matters most, tell them the true story as written in the Bible. The Bible is often misread, children think it is about them. Sally explains that the Bible is not a book of rules telling us how we should behave, it's not a book of heroes that we should try and copy so that God will love you. The Bible is the STORY. A story about how much God loves His children and comes to rescue them. Are we telling our children this story, and giving them hope?

Sally explains that stories don't tell the truth confrontationally, they don't coerce you, they don't argue with you. They just are. The power of the story is not in summing it up, drilling down, abstract ideas or even the lessons which come out of the story. The power of a story is the story itself, it comes around the side and captures your heart.

God bless,
Margaret Louw
Principal



Memory Verse: John 13:34,35

"A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Events Coming Up

- * Parent Talk Sessions - 27 Feb
- * Swimming Programme (P-6) - 4 -15 March
- * Public Holiday (*Eight hours day*) - 11 March
- * Twilight Fair - 15 March

Parent Talks

It was great to see most parents make the time and effort to come and talk to the teachers. As with many things in the school we often ask ourselves the question: Why do we do it? What benefit does it have? How does this activity help us achieve our purpose?

The teachers summed it up this morning by saying that Parent Talk sessions provide new inside information in order to help develop positive relationships. They establish partnership by opening/re-opening dialogue between home and school.

So thank you again for attending and helping us achieve the purpose to prepare and equip students for life by providing the highest quality Christ-centred education.

Swimming

Swimming lessons start on **Monday the 4 March.**

The schedule for swimming is as follows:

- Prep/Year 1: 12:00-12:30
- Year 1/2: 12:30-1:00
- Year 5/6: 1:00-1:30
- Year 3/4: 1:30-2:00



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Channel Twilight Fair – 15 March 2019

4.30pm-7.30pm

The fair is only 2 weeks away!!

Preparations are now well underway and we'd like to thank everyone who has offered their assistance so far whether it be coordinating a stall, filling a gap on the roster, offering to bake, craft or donate! Keep it up, it is much appreciated!

Don't forget each class needs to donate specific items for the Tombola, Buy-Burst-Win or Chocolate game. Teachers will let you know what to bring!

There are also still spots that need filling on the roster so please have a look and add your name. If you have any questions or need help with the online roster, please contact Anita Reynolds - 0439 693 498.

Sign up here: <https://signup.zone/46m36h58FRzqPtYRi>

Don't forget to keep thinking about any donations you can make to the CRAFT, PRE-LOVED, CAKES & PRESERVES and PLANTS & PRODUCE STALLS.

Finally, don't forget the EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION on now in the school office!

We can be contacted at fair@channel.tas.edu.au and please LIKE and SHARE our Facebook event!

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Consent2Go

Yesterday we sent out our first electronic invitation to all our Prep- Yr 6 parents for the swimming programme. As with some new things it did not go according to plan and we apologise for that. Parents received the notification but were not able to send their responses. We are the pilot school for this new online program and therefore are expecting a few problems along the way. All other CST schools will roll it out sometime this year, once we've ironed out all glitches. I thank you for your patience in this and assure you that all information you need will go out through the previous channel of paper copies and/or email until we are convinced that Consent2Go can deliver all it promises to deliver.

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer:

Families in our community who are traveling the journey of life and death with extended family and friends. Pray for peace and hope in these situations.

Praise:

A fantastic camp for the Year 3/4 last week at Blue Lagoon.



Is it me or is it getting more secular in here?

The challenges and opportunities of secularism.

A talk by Steve McAlpine.

Margate Christian Church, Thursday 7th March at 7:30pm.

Entry will be \$10 pp, supper provided.

Feel free to share with anyone you think might be interested!

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